

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them.

This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers.

Chairman Powell: I live in a rural area and this will severely impact me.

I cannot get DSL from the phone company now because we are too sparsely populated in this area. They ignore us out here! Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.